

Gufler is on leave, and many decisions may have to be made this week on the spot. Good Mayor Brandt is engaged in political infighting

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Moreover,

Brandt has agitated for years in favor of the Berlin deputies in the Bundestag having the right to vote. The Allied powers and the Federal Government - perhaps for different reasons - have opposed this. I shall have to explain our position once again, this time to a political figure nervous, over-exerted, who has possibly stretched his capacities near the breaking point, moderating, according to his enemies, his tension with those dangerous twins, tobacco and alcohol.

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The holiday lull was still apparent in Berlin today. At my tailor's, usually crowded, I was the only customer. Traffic, though in less degree than yesterday, was subdued; it was as if most of the inhabitants were hibernating.

At the office, I talked to Martin Hillenbrand again about the Berlin representatives in the Bundestag and Bundesrat having voting power. They have always lacked it, even on legislation affecting Berlin only. Mayor Brandt has been the most ardent advocate of

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